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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON RECTOR OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY

USIA FOR IEU

1. ON MARCH 15, AMBASSADOR AND PAO CALLED ON ZDENEK CESKA, RECTOR CHARLES UNIVERSITY, WHERE THEY RECEIVED WARM RECEPTION FROM RECTOR AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS. CZECHOSLOVAKS FORTHCOMING IN DISCUSSION GENERAL UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC MATTERS, BUT CAREFULLY AVOIDED MENTION OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT AND SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED FUTURE EXCHANGES WITH U.S.

2. CESKA INDICATED UNIVERSITY WOULD WELCOME FUTURE DONATIONS OF BOOKS BY EMBASSY AND WILLING TO CONSIDER EXPANSION OF U.S. CONTACTS FRAMEWORK OF IREX AGREEMENT, BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS OTHER AVENUES OF APPROACH.

3. AT CLOSE OF MEETING RECTOR APPEARED SINCERE IN URGING AMBASSADOR TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH UNIVERSITY, SAID UNIVERSITY COULD USE SOME SHORTTERM AMERICAN LECTURERS AND WE SHOULD DIRECTLY CONTACT APPROPRIATE DEANS. VICE-RECTOR WHO HAD ORIGINALLY ENDORSED SUGGESTION LATER HAD SECOND THOUGHTS AND TOLD PAO

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ANY SUCH CONTACT SHOULD ORIGINATE WITH FM AND "SOME TIMES ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS FOR COOPERATION."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MEETING WAS CORDIAL, ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT CHARLES UNIVERSITY WILL NEITHER ASK FOR NOR BE RECEPTIVE TO INCREASED EXCHANGE ACTIVITY FROM U.S. AT PRESENT, DESPITE A PERSONAL INTEREST BY TOP UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS.

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